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By the wonderful Works of GOD.

SHEWING

How his Heavenly Majesty was graciously pleased to create Heaven and Earth; also, How he made Man, and placed him in the Garden of *Eden*. How GOD formed him a Mate out of one of his Ribs; also, How Satan tempted EVE to eat the forbidden Fruit.

How ADAM and EVE were driven out of *Paradise*; also the Curse GOD denounced against them and their Posterity, for this their Transgression.

GOD seeing the Sins of the World grow too great, caused it to rain forty Days and forty Nights, and the World was destroyed by Water.

How our Blessed Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST took upon him the Nature of Man, and came into the World to save Lost and Undone SOULS.

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THE CREATION OF THE WORLD.

ALL Chriſtian People now attend,
A worthy Poem I have penn'd,
Relating how this World began,
And alſo the firſt Race of Man.
When God did Earth and Heaven create,
The Waters he divided ſtrait:
All by his mighty bleſſed Hand,
Thus God divided Sea and Land.
God gave command and there was Light,
The Sun by Day the Moon by Night;
The Stars and Planets too withal,
Were placed in the ſpacious Ball.
The Cattle, Beaſts, and Birds with Wings,
And every Kind of creeping Things,
All Fruits and Herbs that yield their Seed,
Were by the Hand of God decreed.
God ſaw 'twas good, and lik'd it well,
As we from Holy Writ may tell;
God, in ſix Days we underſtand,
Perform'd the Work he took in Hand.
For when the ſixth Day was begun,
God ſaid, Come, let us now make Man;
In our own Image he ſhall be,
To glorify our Majeſty.

Man created, and Woman taken out of his Side, being placed in the Garden of EDEN.

THE Man was made upright and fair,
For to adorn the heavenly Air;
God having breathed on the ſame,
Man ſtrait a living Soul became,
The ſeventh Day our Lord did reſt,
Which Day he ſanctify'd and bleſt,
To keep it Holy we therefore
Should every one his Name adore.
Thus Man was fram'd out of the Duſt,
And *Adam* named at the firſt;
Then every Thing which God had fram'd,
He gave to *Adam* to be nam'd.
Adom nam'd them as he thought fit,
The Lord was pleas'd, and lik'd of it;
And then did make this ſtrict Decree,
All Things to Man ſhould ſubject be.
In *Eden*'s Garden placed here,
Adorn'd with Trees of Fruits moſt rare;
God gave theſe Fruits to *Adam*'s Will,
Save that of knowing Good or Ill.
God ſaid, Man is alone, I ſee,
A Help-mate now for him muſt be;
God took one of his Ribs, we know,
And formed him a Mate alſo.
Now when the Lord he had her fram'd,
Woman by *Adam* ſhe was nam'd;
Saying, This is Fleſh and Bone of me:
So Man and Wife one Fleſh muſt be.

Before the World created was,
Satan rebell'd againſt God's Laws.
Legions of Angels with him fell,
For Pride, down to the Lake of Hell.

The Fall of Man, by ADAM and EVE's eating the forbidden Fruit.

BECAUSE the Lord did him deny,
Man's Happineſs he did envy;
He thought the World to overthrow,
And bring Man to the Gulph of Woe.
The Serpent then, I do proteſt,
More ſubtil was than any Beaſt;
With *Eve* he held a long Diſpute.
To taſte of the forbidden Fruit.
The Serpent ſaid, Be rul'd by me;
And pluck the Fruit from off the Tree;
You'll be as Gods then, ſaid the Devil,
And you will know both Good and Evil.
She pluck'd the Fruit, it taſted ſweet,
And gave to *Adam* for to eat;
The which did all their Glory blaſt,
They out of Paradiſe were caſt.
God ſaid, the Woman ſhall be ſtill
Subject unto the Huſband's Will;
Alſo, I will Decree, that thou
Shalt Work with Sweat upon thy Brow.
Nevertheleſs, the Woman's Seed
Shall break the Serpent's Head, indeed;
And thou ſhalt bruiſe his Heel: Behold,
Thus was Our SAVIOUR's Birth foretold.

CAIN

CAIN ſlaying his Brother ABEL.

TWO Sons had *Adam* by his Wife,
Laden with Trouble, Care, and Strife,
Both *Cain* and *Abel*, and I ſay,
Cain, being the Eldeſt, bore the Sway.
For, *Cain*, a wretched ſinful Man,
The firſt of Murders he began:
He did obey the Devil's Will,
His Brother' *Abel*'s Blood to ſpill.
God was offended very ſore,
And ſet a Mark on *Cain* therefore.
Murder doth cry, we do Record,
Aloud for Vengeance to the Lord.
The World increaſed full of Evil,
Men took Delight to ſerve the Devil:
Seeing Man's Way, the Lord began
To grieve that he at firſt made Man.

GOD drowns all the World, except *Noah* and what was in the Ark with him.

MAN's Wickedneſs did God annoy,
He ſaid, I will all Fleſh deſtroy.
Full forty Days I'll cauſe a Rain,
That no Fleſh may alive remain.
But *Noah* and his Family,
In Favour were with God moſt high:
Three Sons he had when the Flood came,
Shem, *Ham*, and *Japhet* call'd by Name.

God

God gave Command, as he thought good,
To build an Ark of Gopher Wood:
I ſhall declare from Holy Writ,
The Length, the Breadth, the Height of it.
'Twas pitch'd, and made ſecure and ſtrong;
And full three Hundred Cubits long,
Full thirty High, and fifty Wide,
A Door was placed on the Side.
Full Stories three, as we do write,
A window made to give them Light:
God then thought fit to ſave the Lives
Of Noah, his Wife, his Sons, their Wives.
The Ark, in Building, it appears
Was the Space of an hundred Years;
Both Male and Female of each Kind,
All in the Ark preſerv'd, we find.
Above the higheſt Hills we know.
This mighty Flood did overflow;
And bore the Ark up by the ſame,
That they might praiſe God's holy Name.

How the ARK reſted, after the Waters were gone off the Earth.

IN the ſixth Month, to give Account,
The Ark it reſted on the Mount;
Then *Noah* ſaw the Rain was ceas'd,
And that the Waters were decreas'd.
Now when the Flood was more declin'd,
He ſent a Raven forth, we find,
And next a Dove, who ſtay'd a ſhort Space;
For they could find no Reſting-place.

Then

Then he once more ſent forth the ſame,
Back with an Olive-leaf it came;
His Joy was then exceeding great,
Finding the Waters did abate,
He ſent his Dove but to the Plain,
It never more return'd again;
A twelvemonth's Space, or very nigh,
It was before the Earth was dry.
God ſaid to *Noah*, Come forth in Peace,
And let all Things once more Increaſe:
God plac'd his Bow, to ſhew therefore,
That he the World would drown no more.
The World was multiply'd once more,
But full of Evil, as before;
The rather choſe much greater Evil,
And took Delight to ſerve the Devil.
For at this Time they were ſo vile,
Their Daughters dear for to defile:
This great Abomination was
Unto God's righteous holy Laws.

The World Redeemed by Our Saviour's Crucifixion.

SOME holy righteous Men there were,
That glorify'd the Lord by Pray'r:
God bleſs'd their Seed, and did afford
Them Gifts to preach his holy Word.
And for theſe righteous People's Sake,
God did on us Compaſſion take;
And ſent his Son on Earth we find,
To take the Nature of Mankind.

To tell you True, all muſt have fell
Down to the loweſt Pit of Hell,
Had not our Saviour CHRIST been ſlain,
Man's bleſt Salvation to obtain.
When buried, down to Hell he paſt;
To triumph, and chain Satan faſt:
He goes no farther than his Chain,
The third Day Chriſt did riſe again.
Chriſt is aſcended up to Heaven,
The Comforter to us is given:
One God's divided into three,
Without which none can ſaved be.
Addreſs yourſelves to Chriſt divine,
And his bleſt Communion join;
Shake off your Sins, your Life renew,
Be one with Chriſt, and Chriſt with you.
A Chriſtian's Duty I'll impart:
To be no Malice in his Heart;
But Love his Neighbour as himſelf,
And never covet worldly Wealth.
Endeavour ſtill ne'er to tranſgreſs,
And ſhun the Sin of Drunkeneſs;
When ſuch a filthy Sin takes Place,
All other Sins come on apace.
So to conclude and make an End,
Help us good Lord for to amend;
That when our ſinful Bodies die;
Our Souls may reign with CHRIST on high.

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